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Shirley Anderson  
#889 - Radio tape

3 Am Br.  
House divided Against itself

April 7, 1969

Dear Brother Chalk:

You probably do not remember who I am so before I tell you why I'm writing I'll let you know who I am.

I am a communications major at Michigan State University working toward an M.A. I formerly attended Michigan Christian College and David Lipscomb College. It was at Jeffersonville, Indiana, at the opening of the children's home that I saw you last. At that time I was singing in MCC's chorus and sang the solo on the Negro spiritual Poor Mourner. Paul Downey is my close friend and Ethelene Bruce, whom I believe you will remember from MCC last year, is my younger sister.

My reason for writing is to secure some vital information about you as a contemporary speaker. I have persuaded the professor of a course entitled Contemporary Public Address to use you as one of the speakers for an extensive critical analysis this quarter. I feel that this will not only be a fine academic experience for the class but will also enlighten at least a few more people about the cause and appeal of the Lord's church. The class did not know of you when I suggested your name for study but they are now quite enthused about the prospect of examining a minister as a speaker. This was common in earlier centuries but in our time has become almost impossible because of the decline of religious influence on the campus.

The items which we will need for this study are listed below in order of their importance. Please send as much of each as you can as soon as you can so that we can begin the actual study by April 12. This will only leave us six weeks for examination and since we will be studying two other speakers at the same time it is extremely important that we begin as soon as possible.

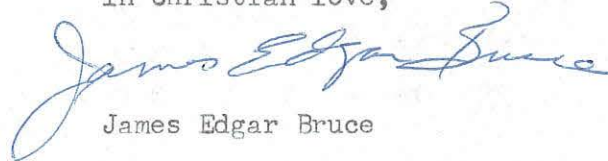
1. Recordings of speeches (not sermons)
2. Recordings of sermons
3. A biography or biographical sketch
4. Manuscripts of speeches and sermons

Whatever you send that you would like returned please mark "to be returned." We will return all materials as soon as we are finished and no later than June 1st. We will also send you a condensed report of our final analysis.

I hope you will not find it too much trouble to send the needed materials, but I feel that this is an opportunity that we cannot afford to neglect. If you have any ideas or guidelines which you would like us to consider please let me know. Also I would appreciate some copies of sermons for my own library.

Thank you for your time. I hope this will be a great experience and that much good will come of this effort. I appreciate very much your influence on the campus and your dedicated work for the Lord. Thanks for all you have done for his church.

In Christian love,



James Edgar Bruce

P.S. Any time you are in Michigan please visit us at the Campus Advance student center. Many of the students who meet with us there have heard of you but have never met you. Donnie Crawford and Lee Harrington talk about how great you are and you would certainly be welcome at the center any time.

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